

TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Program Description:

Wisconsin exercises the option to transfer TANF funding to support Child Care and Social Services. This transfer permits the state to also transfer an equal amount of GPR from the Social Services Block grant to support social services for low-income (below 200% poverty) people such as families served through the Milwaukee Child Welfare Program. This allows Wisconsin to leverage additional federal funds without decreasing commitments in other programs. Services include family counseling, vocational and educational counseling, counseling aimed at a specific problem, such as developmental disability, or providing supportive services (e.g., referral services, child care, transportation, and respite care) to caregiver relatives who can provide a safe place for a needy child to live, thus avoiding a placement in foster care.

Client Group Served:

Children in needy families (below 200% poverty) who are at risk of abuse or neglect, such as families served by the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare and county human service departments elsewhere in the state.

Critical Indicators:

For Social Services, Wisconsin puts the transferred TANF funds into the Community Aids program where they are used along with Social Service Block Grant funds and other sources. General services to children and families account for about 5% of Community Aids expenditures. Other expenditures for children and families with special needs, such as services to developmental disabled children, are reported in different categories.

TOTAL TANF FUNDING: \$18,000,000